

**- \$100,000 Coming to Cortlandt Community Coalition -  
- \$100,000 Coming to Alliance for Safe Kids in Yorktown -**

*Carmel, NY* – U.S. Representative John Hall (D-NY19) announced today that two Drug Free Community Coalitions in Westchester County will receive a total of \$200,000 in Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Federal grant monies. The Town of Cortlandt will receive \$100,000 for the Cortlandt Community Coalition and the Town of Yorktown will receive \$100,000 for the Alliance for Safe Kids. Both organizations, two of only 90 new grant recipients across the country, work to prevent and reduce drug and alcohol abuse among youth.

“Keeping our young people drug-free and healthy is critical to healthy communities here in Westchester,” said Hall. “The Alliance for Safe Kids and The Cortlandt Community Coalition are saving kids’ lives. This new funding will help them mobilize and organize their communities in the effort to prevent and reduce substance abuse.”

The DFC program provides grants to community organizations that facilitate citizen participation in local drug prevention efforts. The 90 new grantees were selected through a competitive peer review process. To qualify for matching grants, all awardees must have at least a six-month history of working together on substance abuse prevention initiatives, develop a long-term plan to reduce substance abuse, and participate in a national evaluation of the Drug-Free Communities Program.

“This federal assistance will provide more resources and tools tailored to Westchester’s needs to strengthen drug prevention efforts,” said Hall.

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